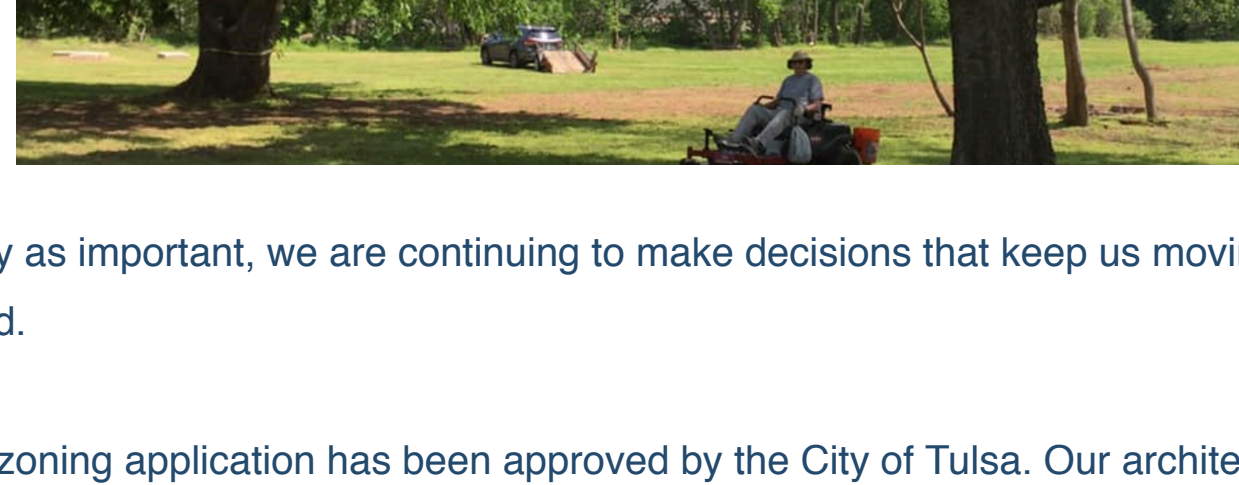




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Progress Continues

Even in these continuing times of uncertainty, we're seeing the best of our community emerge. People are calling to check-in on one another (see Jan's porch Porch Chats article below). We are socializing through on-line Coffee Klatches and Happy Hours. Later this month we will come together on the land (at a distance) to celebrate the selection of our homes.



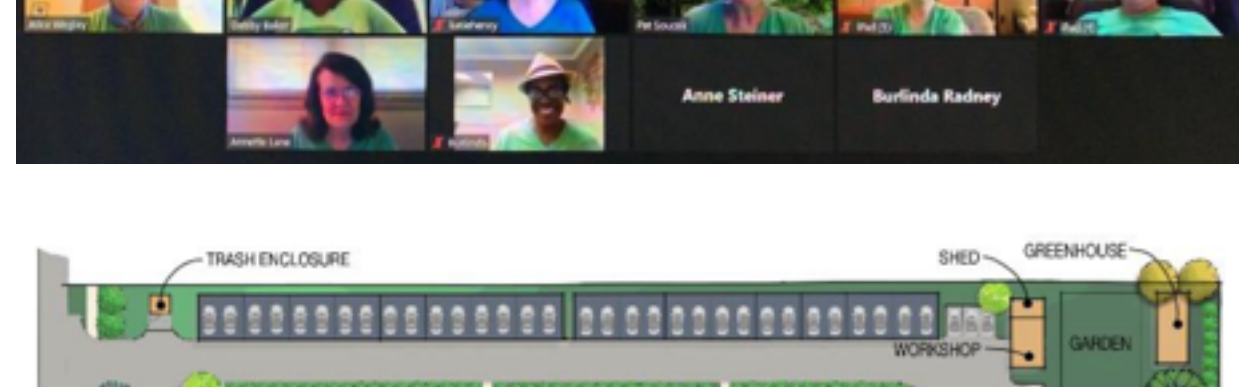
Equally as important, we are continuing to make decisions that keep us moving forward.

Our rezoning application has been approved by the City of Tulsa. Our architects (Jones Design Studio and Caddis Collaborative) are putting the final touches on our documents for submission to the City for building permitting approval.

Our professional team is growing with the addition of Stava Building Corporation as our Contractor. Stava has been providing our pre-construction services for months and we are delighted to have them by our side to move this project through to completion. Their next step is to secure bids so we can begin construction later this summer.

Home Selection

On May 2, members gathered on-line to select our homes. We now know who are neighbors will be and which homes are available for new neighbors.



Ground Breaking Plans Underway

Reserve Your Home Now!

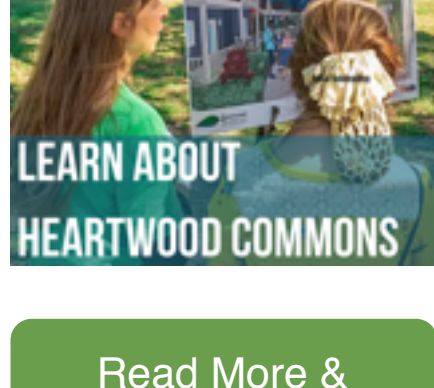
Plans are being made for ground breaking mid-August. With only 15 homes remaining, now's the perfect time to join Heartwood Commons.

We still have homes available in all four sizes, but they won't last long.

- Model A: 1 bedroom/1 bath, 753 sq feet – 2 available
- Model B: 2 bedroom/1 bath, 1,184 sq feet – 7 available
- Model C: 2 bedroom/1.5 bath, 1,508 sq feet, end unit – 6 available
- Model D: 2 master bedrooms/2 bath, 2 living area and a study, 1,500 sq feet – 1 available

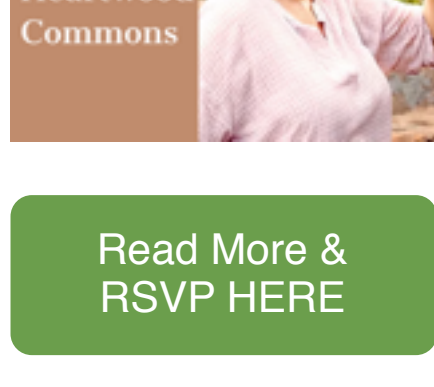
To find out how you can reserve your home, call Suzy at (918) 519-5298 or email heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com.

Learn How You Can Secure Your Future with a Community You Can Learn On



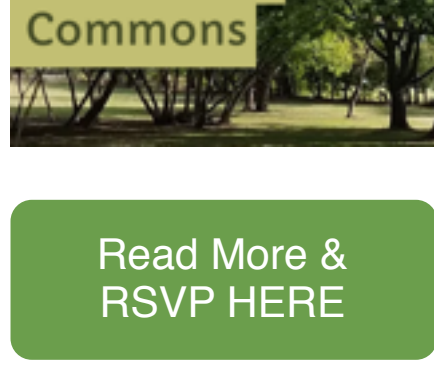
Learn About Heartwood Commons
Wednesday, June 17th | 7 pm CST on Zoom
Join us for this on-line event where we will provide an overview of Heartwood Commons. See our plans and pricing. Learn about our progress. Get answers to your questions. Find out how you can reserve a home.

[Read More & RSVP HERE](#)



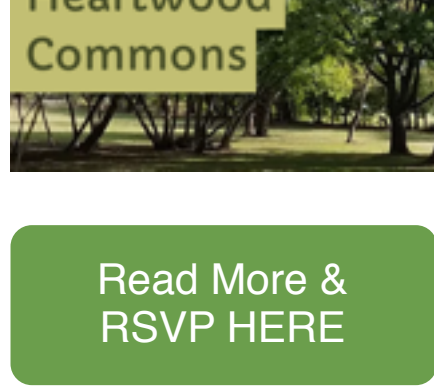
Dig In to Heartwood Commons
Saturday, June 27 | 11 am CST on Zoom
This on-line meeting is designed for those who have attended a previous event and/or know a little about Heartwood Commons. We will dig in and share the details of the project including home and community house plans, the green considerations and plans for construction, our legal structure and operating governance, and how you can become a member including financial commitments.

[Read More & RSVP HERE](#)



Tour Heartwood Commons
Saturday, June 20 | 1-2 pm
Heartwood Commons
7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK
Join us for a tour of the land (using social distancing guidelines). Meet some of our members. Get answers to your questions.

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Tour Heartwood Commons
Tuesday, June 30 | 10-11 am
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7141 S Quincy, Tulsa, OK
Join us for a tour of the land (using social distancing guidelines). Meet some of our members. Get answers to your questions.

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Meet Our Newest Members

Audrey and Mike

Audrey and Mike met in Minnesota working for Indian Health Care Services, moved to NW Arkansas 5 years ago, and are looking forward to making the home at Heartwood Commons in Tulsa with their beloved Tibetan terrier, Cricket.

Mike was raised in Iowa, but spent most of his adult life in Minnesota. He made custom boots and shoes for 25 years. Then he returned to school at age 47 to become a physician assistant, working in rural and underserved clinics for 15 years. He enjoys both listening to and making music and doing almost anything outdoors. Pastimes include woodworking and blacksmithing. His reason for joining cohousing: *"It is time to focus on community as I enter my next life chapter. It is also time for more doing, and less having".*

Audrey was born and raised in southeastern Minnesota. She works as a nurse practitioner on an inpatient palliative and supportive care consultation service. Audrey enjoys many outdoor activities. She is also an avid reader and enjoys music and crafts. She has had a long time interest in building community. *"I'm very excited that living in community is going to be a reality."*



Porch Sitting – Heartwood Commons Style

by Jan Owen, community member



(photo courtesy of Porch Sitting Union of America)

Just as the kitchen is the heart of the home, the porch is its soul. Positioned at the doors, it serves to welcome visitors as well as offer a place to rest, converse and share stories.

In cohousing, porches play a major role in the knitting together of our communities. This is certainly true for Heartwood Commons. From the very beginning of our design planning, porches have been a consistent element. Most of our members have chosen their homes after careful consideration of how the sun will fall on the porch and how close we will be to the neighbors so that we can carry on a conversation (especially in times requiring social distancing). We are already planning them for comfort, style and utilitarian purposes with skylights, ceiling fans and screens.

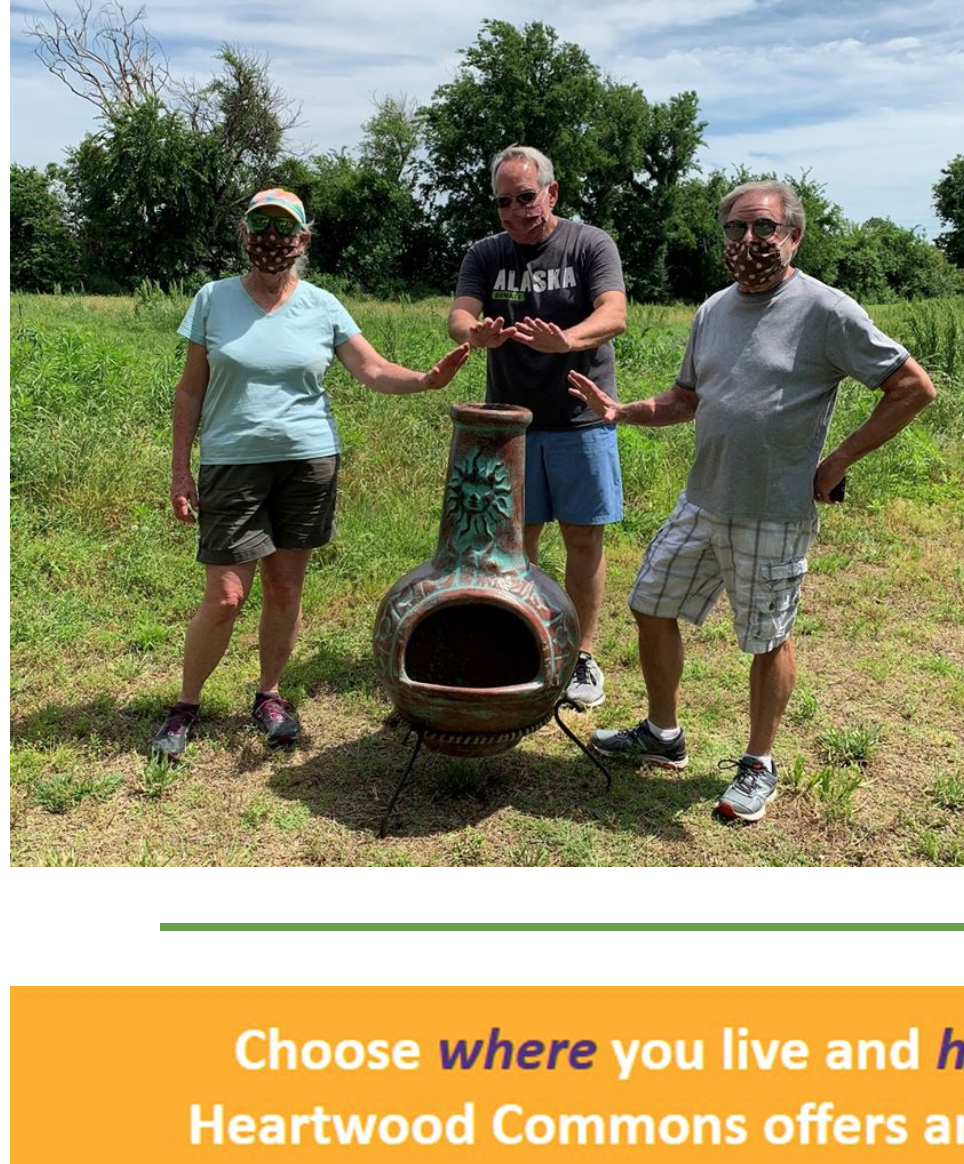
These plans will soon become more concrete as we break ground on our beautiful 4.8 acre site in mid-August. We have several homes planned that haven't been spoken for and some potential rocking chairs, gliders and porch swings to fill with cohousers from everywhere.

As a newby to the Tulsa area, you will discover that the Tulsa community is one of the most livable cities in the U.S. , with a small town feel but the extensive amenities of a much larger city (minus the traffic and high cost of living). Our site sits one block from the Arkansas River with walking/biking trails. A beautiful drive along the river takes you to the Gathering Place, a 600 acre free playground for all ages. A little further is downtown Tulsa, an art deco showplace. Historic Route 66 winds its way through the city with many points of interest. Restaurants, breweries, hiking, wildlife refuges, entertainment, health care, and sports venues are all nearby.

And while these amenities entice us, at the end of the day, we will return to our porches to rest, recharge and enjoy our cohousing family and friends. We are planning for lives lived fully, punctuated by porch visits with friends, their dogs, their adult children and grandkids. Porch sitting and sharing memories and ideas in a leisurely, spontaneous way; making plans for later, expressing caring concern and encouragement, sharing joys, this is where our cohousing soul shines.

We invite you to discover porch sitting – Heartwood Commons style – with a home of your own in our community. Call Suzy at 918-519-5298 or email heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com for more information.

P.S. Be looking for a new feature – "Porch Conversations with Jan" – in our next newsletter.



< Claudia, John and Pat recently joined Suzy on her back porch to check out her new chimenea.

Choose *where* you live and *how* you live. Heartwood Commons offers another choice.



More About Heartwood Commons

Heartwood Commons is a vibrant, progressing cohousing community for proactive adults under development in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of our country's most livable cities. Tulsa features a small town feel with all the amenities of a larger city, and an affordable, low cost of living.

We have only 15 homes remaining and expect to begin construction in mid-August!

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